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FOR MAGEE FROM ANDREWS

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1. AT A BUFFET DINNER WHICH THE BULGARIAN AMBASSADOR WAS
GIVING FOR THE U.S. AGRICULTURAL TEAM GOING TO BULGARIA,
A SURPRISE GUEST WAS DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER TSVETKOV. HE
HAD COME DOWN FROM NEW YORK WHERE HE WAS ATTENDING THE SES-
SION ON NAMIBIA. I TAXED HIM WITH THE DIFFICULTIES OF
AGRICULTURE MINISTER KRUSTEV, BUT HE SAID HE HAD BEEN AWAY
FROM SOFIA FOR SEVERAL WEEKS AND WAS NOT AWARE OF ANY
PROBLEMS THAT KRUSTEV MAY BE HAVING. I TOLD HIM WE WERE
LOOKING FORWARD TO HAVING HIM (TSVETKOV) IN WASHINGTON FOR
CONSULTATIONS BUT HAD THOUGHT THAT THEY SHOULD NOT TAKE
PLACE IN THE SAME MONTH WHEN THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE
WOULD BE HERE. HE AGREED ENTIRELY AND SAID HIS PREFERENCE
WAS FOR THE FALL, TO WHICH I REACTED POSITIVELY. THERE WAS
NOT MUCH SUBSTANCE IN OUR CONVERSATION, WHICH WAS IN FRENCH,
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ALTHOUGH WE TOUCHED ON BULGARIAN - EEC AND BULGARIAN -
GREEK RELATIONS. I THINK HE DID NOT REALLY WANT TO GET INTO
SUBSTANCE VERY MUCH. JIM GLENN GOT TO TRY OUT HIS ITALIAN.
TSVETKOV WILL BE IN WASHINGTON APRIL 28, BUT NO ONE HAS
REQUESTED THAT WE LAY ON ANYTHING WHICH IN ANY CASE WOULD
HAVE BEEN DIFFICULT TO DO AT THE LAST MINUTE.

2. THE BULGARIANS HAVE A BOOTH AT THE D.C. ARMORY'S
ANNUAL ART FAIR WHICH BEGINS MAY 2. WE ARE CURIOUS WHAT
KIND OF ART THEY WILL SHOW. VANCE

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